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Weekly Weather-Crop Bulletin.

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The following is a summary of the weather-crop bulletin issued by the Missouri weather service for the week ending June 1st:

In the western portion of the state the weather during the past week has, on the whole, been very favorable to the farmer, but in most of the eastern counties, and especially in the southeast section, high winds and an almost total absence of rain have been detrimental to all crops.

The first two days were quite cool, but the balance of the week was much warmer than the average, especially in the northern sections. High, hot winds prevailed on the 27th, 28th and 29th, blowing off considerable fruit and materially injuring grasses and grains in some counties, but were followed in the western sections by good rains which revived all vegetation and made the general outlook much more encouraging, although in some districts wheat and meadows were too far gone to be benefited to any great extent. Over nearly all of the western counties the rain-fall for the week was from 1 to 3 inches, but in the eastern sections it was generally less than one-fourth of an inch, and in many localities there was none.

In the central and western and some of the northern counties wheat has improved considerably and oats and grasses have been greatly benefited by the rains, but in the southeast section little improvement is noted and in many counties the outlook is less encouraging than last week. Chinch-bugs have been checked by the rains in some sections, but are still doing much damage. Rust is reported in a number of the southern counties.

Oats, as a rule, are heading short. Wheat is beginning to turn in the southern sections.

Corn and potatoes are doing well in nearly all counties and cotton is reported as doing fairly well. Where rains have fallen gardens are greatly improved, but in the southeast are suffering from drouth. Cut-worms are still doing damage to late corn and gardens.

Clover cutting is still in progress and is generally reported a light crop.

John F. Simmons Acquitted.

John F. Simmons, of near Lagonda, who was tried in Squire T. Newbold's court, at Salisbury, last Friday on a charge of brandishing a dangerous and deadly weapon, to-wit: A revolver, in a rude, angry and threatening manner, was acquitted by the jury which tried the case.

Capt. Webster Nance, of Hubbard, Randolph county, was the prosecuting witness. The difficulty between the defendant and prosecuting witness dates back to February last, when, it seems, that Capt. Nance went to a mill belonging to Simmons, and when Simmons saw him coming he went to the house and got his revolver, and on returning asked Nance "if he had his gun," when Nance remarked: "I see you have your gun." Simmons then told Nance that he had drawn his gun on him (Simmons) a few days ago, and that he (Simmons) was now ready to shoot it out with him.

A funeral failed to materialize, however, and subsequently Nance had Simmons arrested with the result stated above.

Cheap Excursion to Kansas City, June 9th.

The Wabash R. R. will sell round-trip tickets at \$1.25 for round-trip, good going on train No. 1 at 5:43, a. m., and return on train No. 6, leaving Kansas City at 6:20, p. m. Don't fail to go. W. H. CARSON, Agent.

Bulls.

I have four head of fine Hereford bulls, now ready for service, for sale. For further particulars call on or address, JAMES WREN, Keytesville, Mo.

FOUND DEAD.

August L. Kemper Succumbs to Alcoholism Near Forest Green Last Friday.

RESULT OF THE INQUEST.

August L. Kemper, an old man about 70 years of age, but who had no family, was found dead a short distance north of Forest Green last Sunday afternoon.

Squire L. A. Spencer, a justice of the peace living a mile or so distant, was at once notified, and on arriving at the scene, the officer, acting as coroner, empaneled a jury before which the following facts were brought out:

Walter Maddox testified that deceased came to his place of business, at Forest Green, last Friday morning and asked for some whiskey on which "to sober up," that the liquor was given him for that purpose, and that Kemper then left and that was the last that he (Maddox) saw of him.

Sunday afternoon the stench arising a short distance north of Forest Green led to an investigation, resulting in the finding of Kemper's dead body near the Glasgow branch of the Wabash railroad track.

There were no marks of violence or valuables of any kind on the person of the deceased.

The body, when found, was badly decomposed, necessitating almost immediate burial. Lumber was secured, a home-made coffin constructed and interment had near where the old man's lifeless remains were discovered. The jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of the deceased's death was composed of F. M. Meier, W. H. Spaw, John Forest, S. P. Morgan, Ernest Moore and June Moore, and returned the following verdict:

"We, the jury, find that deceased came to his death from no violence at the hands of anyone, but from alcoholic drink, he having been on a protracted spree."

Kemper was a saw-mill engineer, and is also said to have been a fine civil engineer and machinist, but had for several years been addicted to drink, which unfitted him for successfully following either of these occupations.

He was a native of Indiana, but had lived in Chariton county for the past 10 or 15 years.

He was last employed at Louis Gebhardt's saw-mill.

He came up from Glasgow on the Glasgow branch train on Thursday afternoon of last week, being pretty drunk at the time, and got off at Forest Green, and went to Maddox's store the next morning—the last seen of him alive.

A Good Advertising Medium.

As an advertising medium the COURIER has not a peer in Chariton county. It leads the procession of Chariton county newspapers in point of circulation by fully 500, not to mention its superiority in other respects.

The COURIER not only has a large circulation, but a growing circulation.

In March, 1895, we enrolled 126 new subscribers; in April 92, and 63 in May, making a total of 281 new names added to our subscription list in the past three months.

The COURIER's circulation is the kind of a circulation the sensible advertiser longs for, and that other local publishers sometimes claim, but haven't got.

An advertisement in the COURIER pays the advertiser because this paper now has nearly 2,000 bona fide subscribers.

When you advertise, advertise where you can obtain the greatest returns for your out-lay. To do otherwise is self constituted folly, and a gross injustice to your best business interests.

Advertising so as to reap the greatest amount of trade for the money spent, is judicious advertising and "judicious advertising" is the only kind that pays.

Meeting of Institute Board.

The Chariton County Institute board met at the call of County Commissioner O. L. Dines, in Keytesville, on Tuesday, June 4th, and organized by electing Clarence Brown president and T. J. Moorman secretary.

The time for beginning the institute for 1895 was fixed at Monday, July 10th. O. L. Dines was elected conductor and instructor, and W. A. Stratton, J. F. Pratt and Miss Attie D. Moorman were elected instructors.

The board decided to hold two contests during the ensuing institute. One a declamatory contest for young men, in which any young man residing in Chariton county, over the age of 18 years, may be a contestant.

The other will be a recitation contest for Chariton county young ladies, in which any young lady in attendance at the institute, or who holds a certificate to teach, may be a contestant.

A suitable prize will be given in each contest.

Any person desiring to enter either of the above contests will please send name, and if possible the title of selection, to the secretary of the institute board by July 10th, 1895.

THE GREGORIES HAVE GONE.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gregory, the prosecuting witnesses in the rape case against Hig Lesley et al, left last Friday for a point near Armstrong, Howard county, where Gregory says they will remain until the case is called up for trial again. Mrs. Gregory has several near relatives who live in the vicinity of Armstrong.

Gregory told the editor of the COURIER that three parties called at his house, in South Keytesville, on Thursday night of last week, and told him if he did not leave that they would "fix" him so he couldn't leave, and that is why, he claims, he and his wife and little 3-year-old girl took their departure for Howard county.

They say they will appear at Milan, next November, but some very much doubt their doing so.

WEDDING BELLS.

YOUNG-SINGLETON:—Mr. Fred Young and Miss Willie May Singleton, both of near Indian Grove, were married, near De Witt, Carroll county, on Saturday June, 1st. We did not hear who performed the marriage ceremony.

KUSMAN-SCHREYER:—Mr. Gustav Kusman and Miss Mary Sheever were married at the residence of the bridegroom's brother-in-law, Mr. W. Pilatz, at Brunswick, on Thursday, May 30th, Rev. F. G. Walther making the twain one.

BROADBUSH-BAKER: Dr. H. D. Broadbush, well known in Keytesville, having practiced dentistry here for the past two years, but who is now located at Chillicothe, and Miss Blanch Baker, one of Salisbury's popular young ladies, were married by Rev. S. P. Brite, in Salisbury, on Thursday, June 4th, at high noon. An elaborate wedding dinner was served in honor of the nuptials, and was greatly relished by the few special friends and near relatives who were present. The COURIER adds its good cheer to the many best wishes and hearty congratulations that have been showered upon this deserving young couple.

Read the "ad." of the Keytesville Lumber Co. in this issue of the COURIER. Before making your lumber purchases, be sure to get their figures.

Don't fail to attend the musical entertainment to be given by Blind Boone at the opera house to-night.

One of the greatest musical prodigies of the 19th century is Blind Boone. At the opera house to-night.

James Shaughnessy, the Newhall merchant, was at the capital yesterday.

Blind Boone at the opera house to night.

A HUNG JURY.

The Jury in the Case of the Alleged Rapists of Mrs. Theodore Gregory Could not Agree—Eight for Acquittal and Four for Conviction.

DEFENDANTS OUT ON BAIL.

Much to the surprise and disgust of many Chariton county citizens, the Sullivan county jury, which tried the alleged rapists of Mrs. Theodore Gregory, near Dalton, on the 7th day of last March, failed to return a verdict of guilty. The surprise assumed the magnitude of astonishment when it was learned that the jury stood 8 for acquittal and only four for conviction.

At least three of the defendants were young men of notoriously bad character, while the other three had shared the fate of poor dog Tray by keeping bad company. Theodore Gregory, by his own admissions on the witness stand, as well as the testimony introduced by the defense, was proven to be a most degraded wretch, and while Mrs. Gregory was able to prove a good character up to the time she "took up with" Gregory—it seems they were never married—she, too, afterward drained the dregs of the cup of basest immorality, or at least a long line of testimony was introduced to that effect, and yet, notwithstanding the low character of this testimony, in a large measure, it seems to have had great weight with the jury.

The defendants, Bates Johnson, Hig and Wood Lesley, Rufus J. Cox and Wm. Coleman, all swore that their sexual intercourse with Mrs. Gregory was a matter of barter and sale, and that Joe Coleman had nothing to do with the "trade," as he was "too drunk."

The evidence was all in by Wednesday noon of last week, the instructions were passed upon by Judge Rucker in the afternoon, after which the attorneys were given 2 1-2 hours on each side to make their argument before the jury.

The case was submitted to the jury Wednesday night, and on Friday morning the jury was discharged by Judge Rucker, being unable to agree, standing eight for acquittal and four for conviction.

Hon. C. Hammond, of Brunswick, one of the attorneys for the prosecution, expresses the belief, according to an interview in last week's Brunswick, that acquittal of the defendants would have likely been proper. On the other hand, Prosecutor Wallace is still hopeful of conviction while J. A. Collet, another attorney who assisted in the prosecution, is as positive and firm in his belief as ever of the guilt of the defendants.

Whatever may be the final result of the case, the defendants should be made to fully understand that the law-abiding citizens, of Chariton county, are becoming sick and tired of the disgraceful escapades of such characters, and unless they desist, in the future, from bringing our county into disrepute, we candidly believe that the people will take the law into their own hands and see that all such ruffians are summarily dealt with.

The next trial of the case will take place, at Milan, at the next November term of the Sullivan county circuit court.

Judge Rucker admitted the defendants to bail in the sum of \$3,000, each, last Friday, and they are again "at large."

Prof. G. W. Horton, one of the teachers in the Salisbury academy, has been elected principal of the public schools, at Dwight, Ill. Miss Lelia Britt, another member of the academy faculty, has been chosen principal of the High school, at Dwight. Ordinarily it looks suspicious for people "to go to Dwight," but such is not the case with Prof. Horton and Miss Britt.

Mrs. M. C. Hurt, of Boonville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Look. Mrs. Hurt was for many years a resident of this county, and lived three miles southeast of Salisbury where her husband, the late Judge M. C. Hurt, dealt extensively in tobacco.

Mrs. Frank Hansman and daughter, Miss Sena, are visiting St. Louis relatives.

Ice cold soda water and ice-

cream soda at SNEED'S

Every evening. Come in and get a

Cold draught, and if you prefer an

Orange Phosphate or a nice

Lemonade, with a straw to

Drink it with, if you will give

SNEED a chance he will make you something

Out of sight. Ice cream and crushed strawberries are

Delicious & cooling and your best girl would take

ANOTHER ONE WITH YOU IF YOU WOULD INSIST.

Ice-Cream Soda With Crushed Strawberries in Season.

SNEED'S DRUG & GROC. CO.

MR. MAFFITT'S EXPLANATION.

Mr. C. C. Maffit, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, stated after adjournment, of the committee last Saturday that the action taken was the result of the committee's unwillingness to set an extraordinary precedent without some emphatic expression from the masses of the Democratic voters.

"Only 11," he said, "out of 114 counties besides the city of St. Louis presented any request to the committee officially. The majority of the committee deemed that its province does not extend to a use of its powers in the matter of an abstract question of party belief. Its function has to do with the conduct of organization alone. Without a positive and unmistakable instruction from the voters the committee may have the power, but has not the right to call a convention outside the regular course of party procedure, which all the people understand. The precedent would be one liable to the most dangerous abuse. A central committee could take advantage of a favorable moment to commit the party to almost any side of any question. Nobody, chosen solely to maintain organization and manage campaigns in the interest of the whole party, can assume such vast authority. The very instant a Democrat reflects upon the duties of a committee it seems to me he perceives that the precedent would be one of disorganization, laid down by a body whose sole and special obligation is organization."

The Culpepper revival meeting closed in Canton the early part of last week, after continuing 18 days. There were 119 additions to the churches and fully as many more conversions. From Canton, Rev. Culpepper went to Palmyra where he has since been engaged in the same sort of a meeting.

Keytesville is being well represented at the commencement exercises of the North Missouri institute, at Salisbury, this week.

Nice lace straw hats from 25 to 50 cts, just half price, at Mrs. C. P. Vandiver's.

Our young friends, Messrs. John Martin and John Garnett, of five miles northwest of town, have returned home from Lexington, Mo., where they have been attending Wentworth Military academy.

A special election will be held, at Salisbury, on Tuesday, June 18th, for the purpose of electing a city assessor. Under the same law, governing cities of the fourth class, Keytesville is also entitled to a city assessor and should elect one.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Remember that La Take and Monogram cigars are of home manufacture, as they are made at Brunswick. When you smoke La Takes and Monograms you get the pure article.

When you want a fine, fragrant 10-cent smoke, try Klingbell's, Curlew, which has few equals and no superiors.

Notwithstanding it is saying a good deal, the La Take and Monogram cigars are now better than ever.

Butter on ice at Sneed's.

Try a strictly all Havana or Nickleby cigar. Finest in the land. At Sneed's.

N. M. I. Commencement.

Owing to the press of business this week we have been unable to attend the commencement exercises of the North Missouri institute, at Salisbury, the popular school of Prof. Briggs, who was so kind as to send us an invitation to be present, supplemented by several tickets.

We learn, however, through the Press-Spectator, issued daily by J. G. Gallimore, its enterprising proprietor, that the exercises have been well attended and highly meritorious, and that large and appreciative audiences have been present each evening.

We congratulate our neighboring city upon its good schools, and the high appreciation in which they are held, both at home and abroad.

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